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American Rescue Plan: Child Care

Without the significant public investment in childcare included in the American Rescue Plan, Connecticut would have lost more than 45,000 licensed childcare slots, approximately half of the childcare supply. These funds will help our childcare providers cover the costs of reopening, and in turn, help working parents return to work knowing their children are in a safe environment.

Currently, approximately **15,000 Connecticut families** receive child care subsidies. All of these families will have the parent share of the payment waived.

Specifically, the American Rescue Plan provides:

- \$24 billion to stabilize child care centers at risk of closing.
- Parents with the opportunity to get more aid for child care.
- \$1 billion for Head Start to equip facilities with the resources to safely stay open, buy PPE, technology and hire more staff and ensure families can continue to access quality early learning opportunities.

Connecticut will receive \$276 million towards child care from the American Rescue Plan (ARP) including:

- \$170 million to stabilize the child care industry
- \$106 million to expand child care assistance

More information about Connecticut's Childhood Recovery Plan can be found here.

More information about Connecticut's Childhood Stabilization Funding can be found <u>here</u>.

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If you have any questions about the application process, please contact 211 Child Care at 1-800-505-1000 or email childcarefunding@ctunitedway.org. Make sure to mention your child care license number.